

PROCLAMATION **VETERANS REMEMBRANCE DAY**NOVEMBER 11, 2004

WHEREAS, the willingness of America's veterans to sacrifice for our country has earned them our lasting gratitude, and on our nation's 51st annual Veterans Day observance, we celebrate and honor the patriots who have fought to protect the democratic ideals that are the foundation of our country and our state; and

WHEREAS, throughout our history, loyal citizens from every corner of North Dakota have willingly assumed the duty of military life, and time after time, in conflicts across the globe, they have proven that democracy is mightier than tyranny; and

WHEREAS, from World War I and World War II, to the conflicts in Korea, Vietnam, and the Persian Gulf, to the recent battles in the war on terror, our military has built a great tradition of courageous and faithful service and our veterans have helped bring freedom to countries around the world; and

WHEREAS, today, our veterans inspire new generations of Americans as we work to defeat terrorism and advance peace, and like their forbearers, they have set aside their lives to take up the torch of freedom and will return home to build a strong future for our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, all North Dakotans are encouraged to honor our service men and women and recognize the sacrifices they have made, and continue to make, for the cause of peace and freedom throughout the world, and to remember those who lost their lives in service to this country, making the ultimate sacrifice to preserve our freedoms and protect our way of life; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota's brave service men and women of the National Guard, Reserves and active duty military are currently serving in Iraq, Afghanistan and other locations around the world fighting the war on terror; and

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim November 11, 2004, **VETERANS REMEMBRANCE DAY** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/ John Hoeven Governor

Attest:
/s/
Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State